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J. Edgar Hoover, Chairman  
Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated 4 August stating that the IIC and the ICIS are considering the report of the former SANACC Committee on Internal Security which lists as a problem "To improve foreign political, economic, and military intelligence." As you state, this matter pertains to the responsibilities of the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

I can assure you that they have this problem under constant consideration. I am sending them a copy of your letter and of this reply, and am sure that they will be glad to cooperate with your committees should problems of mutual interest arise.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Signed

R. H. HILLENKOTTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

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Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

By memorandum dated September 16, 1948, the State-Army-Navy-Air Force Coordinating Committee was instructed by the National Security Council to make a study of the internal security situation of the United States. During this study, SANACC prepared a "Brief Statement of the Outstanding Problems in the Field of Internal Security," which lists fifty-one problems affecting internal security. These findings of SANACC are contained in NSC 17/3 entitled, "A Report to the National Security Council by the State-Army-Navy-Air Force Coordinating Committee on Internal Security, dated November 16, 1948."

These problems are presently being considered by the Inter-departmental Intelligence Conference and the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, and it has been noted by the IIC that problem number twenty-six reads as follows: "To improve foreign political, economic and military intelligence."

The members of IIC agree that this problem should be referred to the Intelligence Advisory Committee inasmuch as it pertains to matters of foreign interest instead of internal security.

The ICIS and the National Security Council have been advised of the action taken by the IIC in this regard.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Chairman  
Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference